

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amended) A tamper-indicating closure for a container with a locking surface on the neck of the container, comprising:

a closure cap with a top portion and a depending annular skirt,

a tamper-indicating band connected to the lower edge of the annular skirt by means of a frangible connection,

the tamper-indicating band including an inwardly turned retaining rim that extends at least partially upwardly relative to the container neck, the retaining rim including a free edge that is adapted to engage the locking surface of the container neck,

the free edge of the retaining rim including a locking surface engaging structure formed to ensure breakage of the frangible connection upon removal of the closure cap, said locking surface engaging structure defined by upward facing ramp elements forming a one-way ratchet mechanism.

31. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 30, wherein the locking surface engaging structure includes an arcuate portion and at least one pleated portion.

32. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 30, wherein the locking surface engaging structure includes a plurality of arcuate portions, a plurality of pleated portions and a securing structure located between the pleated portions.

33. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 30, wherein the retaining rim includes at least one passageway formed and positioned to drain fluid from the ~~[[enclosure]]~~ closure.

34. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 33, wherein the retaining rim is inwardly turned in a manner positioning an arcuate portion of its free edge underneath the locking surface of the container neck and the passageway is provided through the retaining rim.

35. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 34, wherein the locking surface engaging structure further includes a plurality of circumferentially spaced flutes in the retaining rim, and a plurality of circumferentially spaced passageways through the retaining rim with at least one passageway between each circumferentially adjacent pairs of flutes.

36. (Original) The closure of claim 35, wherein the retaining rim is inwardly turned at an angle that defines the free edge of the retaining rim with a diameter generally smaller than the diameter of the container neck.

37. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 30, wherein the closure cap includes internal thread segments that are chord shaped ~~[[and the locking surface engaging structure includes a securing structure]]~~.

38. (Original) The closure of claim 37, wherein the chord shaped thread segments have a wide diameter center and become progressively shallower toward their outer ends.

39. (Original) The closure of claim 38, wherein the chord shaped thread segments have a straight inner edge.

40. (Currently amended) A closure cap for sealing the opening of a container having a threaded neck, comprising:

a top portion,

a downwardly depending skirt forming a cylindrical cap body, and

a thread pattern on the inner surface of the skirt, the thread pattern including thread segments that are chord shaped with a straight inner edge, and a ~~[[passageway]]~~ thread channel between the threaded pattern and an exterior of the cap for liquid drainage from the cap.

41. (Original) The closure of claim 40, wherein the thread segments are grouped with at least two thread segments aligned one above the other.

42. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 41, wherein the aligned thread segments form gaps therebetween defining said thread channel.

43. (Original) The closure cap of claim 40, wherein the chord shaped thread segments have a deeper center and progressively become shallower out toward their ends.

44. (Original) The closure of claim 43, wherein the thread segments are aligned with thread segments above and below.

45. (Original) The closure of claim 43, wherein the thread segments are aligned with the thread segments to either side, so as to form an intermittently defined thread groove.

46. (Currently amended) A tamper-indicating closure for a container with a locking surface on the neck of the container, comprising:

a closure cap with a top portion and a depending annular skirt,

a tamper-indicating band connected to the lower edge of the annular skirt by means of a frangible connection,

the tamper-indicating band including an inwardly turned retaining rim ~~[[the]]~~ extends at least partially upwardly relative to the container neck, the retaining rim including a free edge that is adapted to engage the locking surface of the container neck,

the free edge of the retaining rim including ~~[[at least one passageway therethrough]]~~ a plurality of pleats, and at least one passageway through the retaining rim located between a circumferentially adjacent pair of pleats for drainage of liquid from the closure cap.

47. (Currently amended) The closure of claim 46, wherein ~~[[a free edge of]]~~ the retaining rim includes ~~[[a plurality of pleated portions, and]]~~ at least one passageway through the retaining rim between each circumferentially adjacent pairs of ~~[[pleated portions]]~~ pleats.

48. (New) The closure of claim 46, wherein the retaining rim further includes a locking surface engaging structure having a plurality of arcuate portions.

49. (New) The closure of claim 48, wherein the retaining rim further includes a securing structure located between the pleats.

50. (New) The closure of claim 48, wherein the retaining rim is inwardly turned in a manner positioning the arcuate portions of its free edge underneath the locking surface of the container neck and the passageway is provided through the retaining rim.

51. (New) The closure of claim 50, wherein the locking surface engaging structure includes a plurality of circumferentially spaced flutes in the retaining rim, each flute formed by a respective pleat, and a plurality of circumferentially spaced passageways through the retaining rim with at least one passageway between each circumferentially adjacent pairs of flutes.

52. (New) The closure of claim 51, wherein the retaining rim is inwardly turned at an angle that defines the free edge of the retaining rim with a diameter generally smaller than the diameter of the container neck.

53. (New) The closure of claim 46, wherein the closure cap includes internal thread segments that are chord shaped and the locking surface engaging structure includes a securing structure.

54. (New) The closure of claim 53, wherein the chord shaped thread segments have a wide diameter center and become progressively shallower toward their outer ends.

55. (New) The closure of claim 54, wherein the chord shaped thread segments have a straight inner edge.

56. (New) The closure of claim 54, wherein the chord shaped thread segments form gaps between adjacent outer ends of adjacent thread segments.

57. (New) The closure of claim 56, wherein said at least one passageway is aligned with one of said gaps.